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Constituent Assembly Election Results: Update

11. (U) As of noon local time on April 15, Nepal's Election Commission has declared the results in 208 out of 240 first-past-the-post races (87 percent) from the April 10 Constituent Assembly (CA) election:

Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) - 113 seats, 54 percent of declared total

Nepali Congress (NC) - 32 seats, 15 percent

Communist Party of Nepal - United Marxist Leninist (UML) - 29 seats, 14 percent

Madhesi People's Rights Forum - 21 seats, 10 percent

Other Madhesi parties - 9 seats, 4 percent

Minor left parties - 3 seats, 2 percent

Independent - 1 seat, 0.5 percent

Significant Winners

- 12. (SBU) Two prominent NC leaders have won their constituencies:
- Finance Minister Ram Sharan Mahat
- Former Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba (Comment: As the second-ranking NC leader, and with the third-ranking NC leader, Sushil Koirala, having been defeated, Deuba is the leading candidate to succeed Prime Minister G.P. Koirala as NC President.)

...And Loser

¶3. (SBU) Madhav Kumar Nepal, former General Secretary of the UML, will not sit in the 601-member Assembly. He lost both of his constituencies to Maoist candidates. POWELL